

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC:	Proposed Policy 7-13.1, Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students	ITEM NO:	13H
PREPARED BY:	Jean S. Murray, Superintendent	MEETING:	September 13, 2005
	Daryl A. Nelson, Executive Director of Administrative & Legal Services	ACTION DATE:	September 13, 2005

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

That the School Board adopt the attached proposed amendments to Policy 7-13.1, Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students.

KEY POINTS:

Proposed Policy 7-13.1, Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students, creates a separate policy pertaining to enrollment of students in Stafford County Public Schools who have been expelled or long term suspended from other school divisions. Presently this subject is covered in Policy 7-13 which pertains to transfer students. All reference to admission of suspended and expelled students would be deleted from Policy 7-13. The proposed policy reflects existing practice and state law. It also incorporates those changes suggested by the board.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: (Goal 7) Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Bylaw 1-32, Policy Adoption, Amendment and Suspension

Students

Admission/Exclusion of Certain StudentsA. Potential Exclusion

Any student seeking to enroll in Stafford County Public Schools who has been expelled or suspended for more than thirty days from any school, or for whom admission has been withdrawn by a private school, may be excluded from attendance in Stafford County Public Schools or assigned to attend an alternative program, regardless of whether the student has been admitted to any other school, upon a finding by the Superintendent, or designee, after having conducted a hearing, that the student presents a danger to other students and/or staff.

B. Notice and Hearing

Prior to the hearing of the Superintendent, or designee, written notice shall be mailed or otherwise provided to the student and parent/guardian that the student may be subject to exclusion from Stafford County Public Schools, the reasons therefore, and of the opportunity for the student and his/her parent/guardian to participate in a hearing conducted by the Superintendent, or designee, regarding such exclusion and of the right to appeal said decision. The student and parent/guardian shall be informed of the decision of the Superintendent, or designee, in writing.

C. Appeal

The decision of the Superintendent, or designee, to exclude or assign a student to attend an alternative program, may be appealed by the student and parent/guardian to the board or a committee thereof. Such appeal shall be made in writing and must be received by the Superintendent, or designee, not more than seven calendar days after receipt by the parent/guardian of the decision of the Superintendent/designee.

If the decision of the Superintendent, or designee, to exclude has been appealed to a committee of the school board, the student or his parent/guardian shall be provided written notice of the right to appeal the decision to the full board. The board shall notify in writing the student or his/her parent/guardian of its decision, within thirty days following any such hearing, in the case of an expulsion or withdrawal of admission and in the case of a suspension of more than thirty days, within fifteen days following any such hearing.

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Legal Reference: Through June 30, 2006

Code of Va., § 22.1-277.2. Authority to exclude students under certain circumstances; petition for readmission; alternative education program. - (2001)

Adopted by School Board: